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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : CHOU  
Application No. : 10/729,980  
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Title : ASSAY SYSTEMS, KITS AND METHODS  
FOR DETECTING MICROORGANISMS  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: